regimen, collecting information about the patient's compliance with the prescribed treatment regimen, collecting information about the patient's symptoms, providing the patient with educational information regarding the patient's disease, instructing the patient how to use a home health monitoring device, and receiving the readings of the monitoring device through a direct connection with the monitoring device.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below. An attached Addendum to Amendment indicates the addition of language by underline and the deletion of language with brackets.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the remote computer is a server that the portable health assistant periodically accesses.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the portable health assistant is configured to transfer the patient data to said remote computer via a computer network.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the computer network comprises an Internet.

23. A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:

reminding a patient when to perform a task included in an order for treating the patient received from the clinician during a first periodic connection with a remote server;

receiving from the patient an indication of a symptom experienced by the patient; and

sending notification of the symptom to the remote server during a second periodic connection with the remote server so that the clinician can evaluate a need for a new order.

24.   A portable health assistant that is adapted to perform the steps of:

reminding a patient when to perform a task included in an order for treating the patient received from the clinician during a first periodic connection with a remote server;

receiving from the patient an indication of a symptom experienced by the patient; and

sending notification of the symptom to the remote server during a second periodic connection with the remote server so that the clinician can evaluate a need for a new order.